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<i>AND METHOD OF USE</i>	

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(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136

(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1-5) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
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Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

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OR

(b)  Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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			$\times \$43 = \$$	$\times \$86 = \$$
			$+\$145 = \$$	$+\$290 = \$$
			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE      \$	OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE      \$

(c)  No additional fee for Claims is required.

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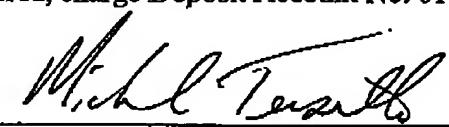
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